



BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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To:- Councillor J. Stockwood - Chairman
 " J. Ferguson
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. T. Kerry
 " Mrs. S. Orr
 " F. Purdue-Horan
and all other Councillors for information

16th September, 2015.

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Recreational & Cemetery Committee** of Bingham Town Council to be held in **The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham**, on **Tuesday, 22nd September, 2015, at 7.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Holland,
Clerk to the Council.

Twinned in friendship with Wallenfels, Bavaria, Germany





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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence and Acceptance.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th July, 2015.
4. Matters Arising out of the Minutes held on the 28th July, 2015, not included in this Agenda (for information only).
5. Clerk's Update (as per attached).
6. To consider matters in respect of allotments, including:-
 - 01 Revised request for secure facility regarding previous grant aid approved.
 - 02 Complaint received regarding allotment holders.
7. To consider matters in respect of playing-fields, play areas and open spaces, including:-
 - 01 Repainting of Play Equipment – Update.
 - 02 Sound-bund – Concerns re. motorbikes.
 - 03 Play Area Consultation – Update.
 - 04 Butt Field Working Group - To confirm matters to be discussed at the next meeting.
8. To nominate a representative for Community Committee's Communications Working Group.
9. To consider any correspondence received, including:-
 - 01 Receipt of Minutes from Friends of Linear Park.
 - 02 Letter from Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (Refer to attached).
 - 03 To note fair at Wynhill from 20th to 26th September, 2015.
 - 04 Letter from resident regarding memorial tower at the cemetery.

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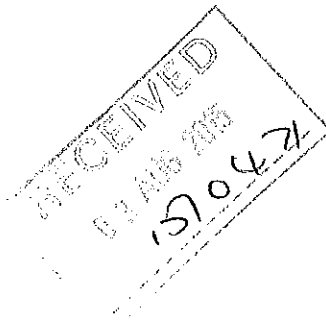
CLERK'S UPDATE

DETAILS	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Outdoor facilities for all ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess existing facilities - Consult on usage - Develop improvement plan
Standards of maintenance of Council-maintained land, including the Linear Park	Develop maintenance plan
Toothill School – Proposed footpath diversion	Respond to N.C.C. consultations.
R.B.C. Leisure Strategy	Awaiting R.B.C. progress on the strategy.
Future of the contaminated land	Awaiting Tesco development that may improve access to land.
Future of Warner's Paddock	Awaiting Crown Estate's next assessment of the land
N.C.C. Land at Wynhill for allotments and/or Nature Reserve or Scout Base	N.C.C. confirmed its land at Wynhill was in process of being assessed for sale as development land, i.e. maximum price.
Proposed Scout Base	Awaiting further information from Scouts.
Linear Walk Presentation Board & Twinning Sign etc.	Awaiting further information from FLP



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31 July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

As you may be aware we have a long standing arrangement with yourselves for the maintenance of the scattered war graves in cemeteries and burial grounds in your care. We are currently carrying out a review of all these agreements following an audit which highlighted the fact that we should be monitoring more closely the spending of public funds, and this is why I am writing to you today.

If I may explain how the maintenance of war graves in the UK happens it will put things into context. We have a team of 11 regional supervisors who regularly inspect all the war graves in the UK (in over 13,000 locations) if any remedial work is required such as realigning the stones, repairing or replacing them they will arrange for that work to be done by our own teams and if the works are considerable they will make contact with the land owner/local authority. In addition to these regular visits, we have teams of caretakers who visit to clean the stones; this is usually done every couple of years.

We also have maintenance agreements in some sites to cover the grass cutting strimming etc. These agreements are drawn up with either the land owner or a local contractor. In many cases these agreements have been in place for several years, sometimes decades, and often we have not reviewed them unless there were particular problems. When the agreement was drawn up the intention was then, and remains today, a means of assuring that the war graves are receiving any extra attention deemed necessary at the time of inspection to meet the required standards of maintenance, it was never meant as a way of contribution for the general upkeep of the cemetery.

According to our records we have such an agreement in place but during the latest assessment made by the regional supervisor at this site the level of maintenance overall was classed as good for which I

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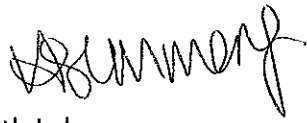


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commend you and your team however it is unlikely that any *extra work* is required at this point in time. I am therefore minded to cancel the current agreement but please contact me if you wish to discuss further.

I'm sure you will understand that, particularly in these challenging financial times, there is an ever increasing requirement to correctly account for all expenditure, particularly public funds and hence why I have taken this course of action.

Yours sincerely

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Keith Lakey
Technical Manager (Horticulture)